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## **RESPONSE**

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In The Claims

## Clean Copy as Amended:

1. (Twice Amended) A cervical brace for attachment to a cervical collar comprising: a chest plate adapted to be secured to the thorax of a wearer; and a chin strut including means for attachment to said chest plate and means for attachment to a chin support of said cervical collar, said chin support to be disposed adjacent said wearer's chin.

2. (Once Amended) The cervical brace of claim 1, further comprising a vest wherein said chest plate is a portion of the vest.

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